

CLAIMS

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from:
 - (a) nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
 - (b) nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing, under stringent hybridization conditions, to a nucleotide sequence complementary to the polypeptide coding region of a nucleic acid molecule as defined in (a); and
 - (c) nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleic acid sequence which is degenerate as a result of the genetic code to a nucleotide sequence as defined in (a) or (b).
2. An isolated polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.
3. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 2 having an amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4 in the Sequence Listing
4. A vector harboring the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.
5. A replicable expression vector which carries and is capable of mediating the expression of a nucleotide sequence according to claim 1.
- ~~6. A cultured host cell harboring a vector according to claim 4 or 5.~~
7. A process for production of a polypeptide, comprising culturing a host cell according to claim 6 under conditions whereby said polypeptide is produced, and recovering said polypeptide.
8. A method for identifying an agent capable of modulating a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, comprising
 - (i) providing a cell comprising the said nucleic acid molecule;

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- (ii) contacting said cell with a candidate agent; and
- (iii) monitoring said cell for an effect that is not present in the absence of said candidate agent.

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